



DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket Nos. CP22-502-000; PF22-4-000; CP22-503-000; PF22-3-000]

Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC; Notice of Applications and Establishing Intervention Deadline

Take notice that on August 24, 2022, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC (Transco), P. O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, filed in Docket No. CP22-502-000, an application pursuant to section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act (NGA) and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for authorization to construct, operate, and maintain its Commonwealth Energy Connector Project (CEC Project) located in various counties in Virginia. The CEC Project is designed to provide an additional 105,000 Dekatherms per day (Dth/d) of firm transportation service for Virginia Natural Gas, Inc. (VNG), from Transco's existing Station 165 Zone 5 Pooling Point in Pittsylvania County, Virginia to the existing interconnection between Transco and Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC (Columbia) in Greensville County, Virginia (Emporia I/C), where VNG has contracted with Columbia for further firm transportation service.

In addition, on August 24, 2022, Columbia, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, filed in Docket No. CP22-503-000, an application under sections 7(b) and 7(c) of the NGA and Part 157 of the Commission's regulations, for authorization to construct and operate its Virginia Reliability Project (VR Project) located in various counties in Virginia. The VR Project is designed to provide an additional 100,000 Dth/d of firm transportation service for VNG, from Emporia I/C to VNG's existing delivery point in Chesapeake County, Virginia.

Specifically, Transco proposes to: (1) install an additional 33,000 horsepower (HP) at existing Compressor Station (CS) 168 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia; (2) install a 6.35-mile-long, 24-inch-diameter extension of South Virginia Lateral B-Line in Brunswick and Greensville Counties, Virginia; and (3) modify the existing Emporia M&R Station at Emporia I/C. Transco estimates the cost of the CEC Project to be \$117,709,858. Transco proposes a new incremental recourse rate designed to recover the cost of the proposed service, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection with the Commission and open for public inspection.

Additionally, Columbia proposes to: (1) replace 49 miles of 12-inch-diameter pipeline with 24-inch-diameter pipeline in Virginia; (2) add a 5,500 HP hybrid compressor unit at the existing Emporia CS in Greensville County, Virginia; (3) modify the existing compressor units and increase power by 2,700 HP at the Petersburg CS in Prince George County, Virginia; and (4) modify other appurtenant facilities. Columbia will receive 105,000 Dth/d from Transco as proposed in Docket No. CP22-502-000 for re-delivery to VNG for VNG's markets. Columbia estimates the cost of the VR Project to be \$917,925,527. Columbia proposes a new incremental reservation rate, FTS-VRP, to apply to the VR Project capacity, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection with the Commission and open for public inspection.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the Federal Register, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (886) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

Any questions regarding Transco's application should be directed to Nick Baumann, Regulatory Analyst, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251, by telephone at (713) 215-3383, or by email at nick.baumann@williams.com.

Any questions regarding Columbia's application should be directed to David A. Alonzo, Manager of Project Authorizations, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700, by telephone at (832) 320-5477, or by email at david_alonzo@tcenergy.com.

On December 20, 2021, the Commission granted Columbia's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF22-3-000 to staff activities involved in the VR Project. Now, as of the filing of the August 24, 2022 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP22-503-000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Additionally, on December 20, 2021, the Commission granted Transco's request to utilize the National Environmental Policy Act Pre-Filing Process and assigned Docket No. PF22-4-000 to staff activities involved in the CEC Project. Now, as of the filing of the August 24, 2022 application, the Pre-Filing Process for this project has ended. From this time forward, this proceeding will be conducted in Docket No. CP22-502-000 as noted in the caption of this Notice.

Pursuant to Section 157.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure,¹ within 90 days of this Notice the Commission staff will either: complete its environmental review and place it into the Commission's public record (eLibrary) for this proceeding; or issue a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review. If a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review is issued, it will indicate, among other milestones, the anticipated date for the Commission staff's issuance of the final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or environmental assessment (EA) for this proposal. The filing of an EA in the Commission's public record for this proceeding or the issuance of a Notice of Schedule for Environmental Review will serve to notify federal and state agencies of the

¹ 18 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) 157.9.

timing for the completion of all necessary reviews, and the subsequent need to complete all federal authorizations within 90 days of the date of issuance of the Commission staff's FEIS or EA.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There are two ways to become involved in the Commission's review of this project: you can file comments on the project, and you can file a motion to intervene in the proceeding. There is no fee or cost for filing comments or intervening. The deadline for filing a motion to intervene is 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on **September 29, 2022**.

Comments

Any person wishing to comment on the project may do so. Comments may include statements of support or objections to the project as a whole or specific aspects of the project. The more specific your comments, the more useful they will be. To ensure that your comments are timely and properly recorded, please submit your comments on or before **September 29, 2022**.

There are three methods you can use to submit your comments to the Commission. In all instances, please reference the Project docket number **CP22-502-000 and/or CP22-503-000** in your submission.

- (1) You may file your comments electronically by using the eComment feature, which is located on the Commission's website at www.ferc.gov under the link to Documents and Filings. Using eComment is an easy method for interested persons to submit brief, text-only comments on a project;
- (2) You may file your comments electronically by using the eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. With eFiling, you can provide comments in a variety of formats by attaching them as a file with your submission. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Comment on a Filing"; or
- (3) You may file a paper copy of your comments by mailing them to the following address below.² Your written comments must reference the Project docket number (**CP22-502-000 and/or CP22-503-000**).

Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary

² Hand delivered submissions in docketed proceedings should be delivered to Health and Human Services, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852.

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

The Commission encourages electronic filing of comments (options 1 and 2 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Persons who comment on the environmental review of this project will be placed on the Commission's environmental mailing list and will receive notification when the environmental documents (EA or EIS) are issued for this project and will be notified of meetings associated with the Commission's environmental review process.

The Commission considers all comments received about the project in determining the appropriate action to be taken. **However, the filing of a comment alone will not serve to make the filer a party to the proceeding.** To become a party, you must intervene in the proceeding. For instructions on how to intervene, see below.

Interventions

Any person, which includes individuals, organizations, businesses, municipalities, and other entities,³ has the option to file a motion to intervene in this proceeding. Only intervenors have the right to request rehearing of Commission orders issued in this proceeding and to subsequently challenge the Commission's orders in the U.S. Circuit Courts of Appeal.

To intervene, you must submit a motion to intervene to the Commission in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure⁴ and the regulations under the NGA⁵ by the intervention deadline for the project, which is **September 29, 2022**. As described further in Rule 214, your motion to intervene must state, to the extent known, your position regarding the proceeding, as well as your interest in the proceeding. For an individual, this could include your status as a landowner, ratepayer, resident of an impacted community, or recreationist. You do not need to have property directly impacted by the project in order to intervene. For more information about motions to intervene, refer to the FERC website at <https://www.ferc.gov/resources/guides/how-to/intervene.asp>.

³ 18 CFR 385.102(d).

⁴ 18 CFR 385.214.

⁵ 18 CFR 157.10.

There are two ways to submit your motion to intervene. In both instances, please reference the Project docket number **CP22-502-000 and/or CP22-503-000** in your submission.

- (1) You may file your motion to intervene by using the Commission's eFiling feature, which is located on the Commission's website (www.ferc.gov) under the link to Documents and Filings. New eFiling users must first create an account by clicking on "eRegister." You will be asked to select the type of filing you are making; first select "General" and then select "Intervention." The eFiling feature includes a document-less intervention option; for more information, visit <https://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/efiling/document-less-intervention.pdf>; or
- (2) You can file a paper copy of your motion to intervene, along with three copies, by mailing the documents to the address below.⁶ Your motion to intervene must reference the Project docket number **CP22-502-000 and/or CP22-503-000**.

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The Commission encourages electronic filing of motions to intervene (option 1 above) and has eFiling staff available to assist you at (202) 502-8258 or FercOnlineSupport@ferc.gov.

Motions to intervene must be served on Transco either by mail or email at: Nick Baumann, Regulatory Analyst, Transcontinental Gas Pipe Line Company, LLC, P.O. Box 1396, Houston, Texas 77251 or nick.baumann@williams.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

Motions to intervene must be served on Columbia either by mail or email at: David A. Alonzo, Manager of Project Authorizations, Columbia Gas Transmission, LLC, 700 Louisiana Street, Suite 1300, Houston, Texas 77002-2700 or david_alonzo@tcenergy.com. Any subsequent submissions by an intervenor must be served on the applicant and all other parties to the proceeding. Contact information for parties can be downloaded from the service list at the eService link on FERC Online. Service can be via email with a link to the document.

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All timely, unopposed⁷ motions to intervene are automatically granted by operation of Rule 214(c)(1).⁸ Motions to intervene that are filed after the intervention deadline are untimely, and may be denied. Any late-filed motion to intervene must show good cause for being late and must explain why the time limitation should be waived and provide justification by reference to factors set forth in Rule 214(d) of the Commission's Rules and Regulations.⁹ A person obtaining party status will be placed on the service list maintained by the Secretary of the Commission and will receive copies (paper or electronic) of all documents filed by the applicant and by all other parties.

TRACKING THE PROCEEDING

Throughout the proceeding, additional information about the projects will be available from the Commission's Office of External Affairs, at **(866) 208-FERC**, or on the FERC website at www.ferc.gov using the "eLibrary" link as described above. The eLibrary link also provides access to the texts of all formal documents issued by the Commission, such as orders, notices, and rulemakings.

In addition, the Commission offers a free service called eSubscription which allows you to keep track of all formal issuances and submittals in specific dockets. This can reduce the amount of time you spend researching proceedings by automatically providing you with notification of these filings, document summaries, and direct links to the documents. For more information and to register, go to www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp.

Intervention Deadline: 5:00 pm Eastern Time on September 29, 2022.

Dated: September 8, 2022.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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⁷ The applicant has 15 days from the submittal of a motion to intervene to file a written objection to the intervention.

⁸ 18 CFR 385.214(c)(1).

⁹ 18 CFR 385.214(b)(3) and (d).